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## Objective:

To obtain the position of Montana Commissioner of Political Practices

## Qualifications:

More than fifteen years of political experience in local government. Managed four successful campaigns for the position of Butte-Silver Bow Coroner.

Effective team player with strong communication skills and interpersonal skills.

Strong ties and working relationships with local politicians and the community.

Highly motivated self starter and a quick learner.

## Employment:

1996-Present County Coroner – Butte-Silver Bow

2008-Present Health & Physical Education Teacher – Butte Central Catholic High School

1995-Present Licensed Private Investigator – LaBreche Investigation Services, LLC

1995-2005 Resident Resource Coordinator – Community, Counseling and Correctional Services, Inc., Butte, MT

1993-1995 Detention Officer – Butte-Silver Bow Sheriff's Office

1988-1993 Ambulance Attendant – A-1 Ambulance, Butte, MT

## Education:

1987 B.S. in Secondary Education, Western Montana College

Major in Health & Physical Education, Minor in mathematics

1981-1984 Montana State University

1981 Graduate, Butte Central High School

## Volunteer Work / Board's / Interests:

Butte-Silver Bow Animal Control Board (new member 2011)

Career Futures, Inc., Board of Directors (2003-present)

United Way of Butte & Anaconda, Board of Directors (2004-2007)

Butte Country Club, President-Board of Directors (1993-1999)

Child/Infant Mortality Task Force (1997-present)

Southwest Montana Suicide Prevention Task Force (1997-2003)

Southwest Montana Workforce Development System (1999-2005)

15-90 Search & Rescue (1996-1999)

Butte Central Varsity Football Coach (1992-2000, 2005-present)

Butte High School Varsity Football Coach (1987-1991)

Beaverhead County High School Varsity Football Coach (1984-1986)

Camping, ATV's, Golf and Fishing

## References:

Available upon request

May 10, 2011

Answers to questions for the application process of Commissioner of Political Practices.

Submitted by: Lee LaBreche

1. Are you familiar with restrictions Montana law imposes upon the activities of an individual holding the office of COPP?

*Although I do not have specific knowledge of Montana Law as it pertains to the office of COPP, I do have knowledge of the duties of the office itself. I have been involved with campaigns and political procedures since 1993. Currently as the Butte-Silver Bow Coroner, which is an elected position, I have had the opportunity to deal with the office of COPP for over 15 years. I have successfully ran for Coroner on four different primary and general elections.*

2. What is your legal writing experience?

*Since 2005 I have been the owner/operator of LaBreche Investigation Services, LLC. As a licensed private investigator I have had the opportunity to work with several different law firms and have dealt extensively with both Justice and District courts. I have had diverse correspondence with both legal and professional firms and my writing experience is truly an asset or quality that I am proud of. I have also traversed the Montana Code Annotated with specific references to responding to legal applications.*

3. Have you ever been party to a complaint filed with the COPP?

*No.*

4. What is your current or past involvement with either the campaign of a candidate or a ballot initiative?

*As I have mentioned earlier I have been involved with four different successful campaigns as the Butte-Silver Bow Coroner. I worked closely on all of these campaigns with my treasurer and was responsible for the reports that were sent to the office of COPP. Over the years I feel that I have become very familiar with the processes as they pertain to the candidates responsibility to the office of COPP.*

5. Have you been affiliated with a political party or political action committee? If yes, how will this affiliation affect your ability to render impartial decisions on complaints filed against candidates, PACs, and ballot initiatives?

*No. Butte-Silver Bow is a non-partisan community. I have run all of my campaigns on a non-partisan ballot.*

6. What is your opinion of the current candidate contribution limits?

*Again, as a candidate on several occasions I have mixed emotions on this issue. Primarily though I think that restrictions are the fairest thing to render all candidates on the same "playing field" the opportunity to run a successful campaign.*

7. Have you or a family member been involved in the legislative process as a lobbyist?

No.

8. In your opinion, do further regulations or restrictions need to be placed on lobbyists' activities?

*Not knowing all the specific regulations or restrictions that are currently placed on lobbyists' activities, I think in all fairness I could not answer this question as it is presented. With that said, I do follow Montana politics closely and have even had the opportunity to see how the process of lobbying works. I have some real issues with how PAC's and some lobbyists have had the ability to change or regulate certain issues or candidates in their favor or direction. There must be specific rules and enforcement on a microscopic level.*